PETERBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1964

To which is added

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY:- 1964

Medical Officer of Health.	G. Nisbet, M.B., Ch.B.(Ed.) D.P.H., B.S.C.(Ed.)
Senior Public Health Inspector.	M.R. Gibbs, A.R.S.H., M.P.H.I.A.

PETERBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT

I continued to act as Medical Officer of Health to the Peterborough Rural District during the year 1964, as it had not been found possible to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. McKnight in March 1962.

In April 1965 Dr. J. B. Stafford was appointed as an Assistant Medical Officer of Health and is now acting as Medical Officer to the Peterborough Rural District.

Population

The estimated population for mid -1964 is, according to the Registrar-General, 8,760, an increase of 250 on last year's estimate of 8,510.

Statistics.

The live birth rate of 20.0 per 1,000 of the population is higher than that of the previous year, which was 18.3. The birth rate for England and Wales in 1964 is 18.4.

The death rate of 8.2 per 1,000 of population is well below that of the country as a whole, which is 11.3. Sixteen of the 72 deaths were due to malignant disease and leukaemia. Fifteen deaths were due to coronary disease, eleven to vascular lesions of the nervous system, and seven to other heart and circulatory disease. These forty-nine deaths account for approximately 70% of the total.

There were no deaths from tuberculosis, and one case only of respiratory tuberculosis was notified during the year.

Although the infant mortality rate of 11.3 per 1,000 lives births is higher than in the previous two years, it is well below that of England and Wales as a whole, which is 20.0.

GEORGE NISBET.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	17,735 acres
Population estimated mid 1964	8,760
Number of inhabited houses from the Rate Book	2,914
Rateable Value	£216,137
Sum represented by Penny Rate.	£899

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

		M.	F.	Total	ENGLAND & WALES
Live Births	Leg.	72	91	163	
	Ill.	8	5	13	
	Total	80	96	176	
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population:				20.0	18.4
Illegitimate Births per cent of Total Live Births:				7.3	
Stillbirths:		M.	F.	Total	
	Leg.	-	3	3	
	Ill.	-	-	-	
	Total	-	3	3	
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths:				16.7	16.3
Total Live and stillbirths:				179	
Infant Deaths:		M.	F.	Total	
	Leg.	1	1	2	
	Ill.	-	-	-	
	Total	1	1	2	
Infant Mortality Rate:					
Total per 1,000 Live Births				11.3	20.0
Legitimate per 1,000 Live Births				11.3	
Illegitimate per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births:				0.0	
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate: (Under 1 week)				5.6	
Neonatal Mortality Rate: (First four weeks)				5.6	
Perinatal Mortality rate per 1,000 Live and Still births (Stillbirth and deaths under 1 week combined)				22.3	
Maternal Deaths:				0.0	
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths:				0.0	
Deaths:		Males		31	
		Females		41	
		Total		72	
Death rate per 1,000 Population				8.2	11.3

International Statistical Classification of Diseases.

INJURIES AND CAUSES OF DEATH	Male	Female
Tuberculosis respiratory	-	-
Tuberculosis (other forms)	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases	-	-
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	1	2
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus	2	-
Malignant neoplasm of breast	-	1
Malignant neoplasm of uterus	-	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasm	2	5
Leukaemia & Aleukaemia	2	-
Diabetes	-	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	7
Coronary diseases (Angina)	10	5
Hypertension with heart disease	-	3
Other heart diseases	2	3
Other circulatory diseases	-	2
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	2	4
Bronchitis	1	-
Other Diseases Respiratory system	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	-	-
Nephritis & Nephrosis	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth & Abortion	-	-
Congenital malformation	-	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases	3	4
Motor Vehicle accidents	1	-
All other accidents	-	1
Suicide	-	-
Homicide & Operations of War	-	-
	31	41

NET DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	2 - 3 weeks	3 - 4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	9 - 12 months	Total under 1 year
Premature Birth and Malformation, etc.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia and Bronchitis Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Peritonitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Causes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2

ANALYSIS OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DEATHS THEREFROM

	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	6
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	21	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	3	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Meningococcal Meningitis	1	1	-
TOTAL	28	1	6

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 - 9 years	10 - 14 years	15 - 19 years	20 - 24 years	25 - 34 years	35 - 44 years	45 - 54 years	55 - 64 years	Over 65 years	TOTAL	Unknown
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	5	3	4	-	6	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Meningococcal Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
TOTAL	-	5	4	4	1	8	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	28	1

TUBERCULOSIS

	Deaths during 1964				New Cases during 1964			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1 Years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 "	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
25 - 34 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 65 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

New cases notified during 1962 = 1
" " " " 1963 = NIL
" " " " 1964 = 1

FACTORY ACT, 1937. PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4,and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	16	-	-
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	22	15	-	-
(111) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers Premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	29	31	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as two, three or more "Cases".

	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	1	1	-	1	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation		-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)		-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	1	-	1	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT - Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).....Nil

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Nursing in the Home:

Under the Soke of Peterborough County Council Scheme the services of the District Nurses are available in all the Villages in the District.

Home Helps.

Home Helps are available under the County Council Scheme. Application should be made to:

The Home Help Organiser,
County Council Offices,
Bridge Street,
PETERBOROUGH.

General Hospitals.

Acute and Maternity admissions are either to the Stamford and Rutland Hospital, Stamford, or the Memorial Hospital, Peterborough, Maternity Units under the charge of this Hospital.

Chronic and long term cases are admitted to St. George's Hospital Stamford, St. John's Close or St. John's Hospital, Peterborough.

Isolation Hospital.

Infectious cases are admitted to the Peterborough Isolation Hospital under the Peterborough Hospital Management Committee.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

(a) Provided by the Soke of Peterborough County Council.

Child Welfare Clinics:-

(a)	The Village Hall, Barnack.	3rd Thursday in the Month, in the afternoon.
(b)	The Sick Quarters, R.A.F. Station, Wittering.	1st & 3rd Wednesday in the month in the afternoon.
(c)	The Reading Room, Bainton.	1st Wednesday in the month in the afternoon.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Provided under the General Practitioner Service of the National Health Acts.

(b) Provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

Tuberculosis

Tuberculosis cases are seen in the Chest Clinic, Stamford Hospital, provided by the Peterborough and Stamford Hospital Management Committee.

Weekly Clinic.

Stamford and Rutland Hospital	Tuesday and Friday
Chest Clinic, 1, Thorpe Road, Peterborough.	Old Cases. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. New Cases. Tuesday and Friday.

Venereal Diseases:

The Memorial Hospital, Midland Road, Peterborough.	Male Clinics: Monday and Wednesday 5.30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Female Clinics: Tuesday 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon 5.30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Laboratory Facilities.

Public Health Laboratory, Memorial Hospital, P'borough.

Peterborough Rural District Council.

Annual report of the Public Health Inspector, Surveyor and Water Engineer for the year 1964.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my seventh annual report.

The year has been one of outstanding progress, marked by the completion of George Matthews House, the grouped homes scheme of 21 flatlets for elderly persons at Hodney Road, Eye, and the virtual completion of the sewerage schemes for Marholm, Maxey and Northborough.

Although there are still four vacancies in the flatlets, the tenants in occupation have settled down well and it is considered the service provided is well worth while.

Good advantage has been taken of the new sewerage schemes; already nearly 70% of properties in Northborough, 50% in Marholm and 40% in Maxey have been connected.

26 Additional units of accommodation were completed at Castor and Helpston, 10 at Newborough were in an advanced stage and good progress was being made with 30 more at Eye.

Applications for improvement grants showed a big increase over last year. In the case of discretionary grants the increase was 200% and standard grant applications increased by 50%.

Improvements to 6 pre-war council houses at Marholm were completed and similar work should soon commence at 24 houses at Maxey and Northborough. After completion of this work, all pre-war Council houses, with exception of 14 at Newborough, will have been brought up to modern standards.

Private building was maintained at the same level as the previous year. The majority of development was of the speculative estate type. It is thought that there may be a reduction in private building next year due to the increase in mortgage rates and the cost of building and to the fact that plots are becoming difficult to find.

The 'twice a year free emptying service' for cesspools and septic tanks was taken full advantage of. An average of 10 tanks a week was dealt with.

There should be a sharp falling off in the demand for this service, especially at Northborough, which accounted for nearly half the demand this year.

Apart from Newborough and Borough Fen it should soon be possible to dispense with the night soil collection service, now that all other parishes served have been provided with main drainage.

Refuse collection continued to be carried out by contract and two collections were achieved every three weeks. The Council hope to introduce a weekly collection from next April. This is felt necessary as the bulk of household refuse continues to increase with the rapid growth of the larger parishes.

Reasonable progress was made with the clearance of unfit properties. The list was brought up-to-date during the year as far as possible, to help the Council decide on future building programmes and there are now about 115 houses remaining to be dealt with.

Good progress was made with the improvement of licensed houses. Major improvements were carried out at 4 houses and minor works were carried out at several others. There are now only 2 houses in the district with substandard sanitary accommodation.

The new Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act brought an increase in my duties, but from preliminary inspections it is thought that no majorproblems will arise.

A scheme to improve water supplies in Eye is being prepared and, coupled with a supplementary sewerage scheme which should shortly commence, will allow the village to expand by about 50%.

The most pressing need at the moment is the provision of main drainage in the built up portion of Newborough which is growing rapidly. The omission of septic tanks and their subsequent emptying would reduce costs to house owners and would eliminate possible nuisances.

Public Health Work.

Infectious Diseases.

Enquiries were made into a case of paratyphoid at Eye. This appears to have been an isolated case and the infection may have been picked up abroad.

Public Health Act 1936 - Complaints and Nuisances.

26 complaints were received during the year and most of these were dealt with on an informal basis. A Statutory notice was served in respect of an accumulation of tins at premises in Newborough, and this was complied with.

Complaints ranged from rat infestations, wasps nests and drain smells, to housing disrepair, dangerous structures and low water pressure.

All direct foul drainage discharges to the Car Dyke at Eye were eliminated.

National Assistance Act 1948 (Section 50)

No cases fell to be dealt with during the year.

Food Premises

Number of premises on register	32
Inspections made	84
Contraventions found	2
" Remedied	1

Shops Act

This Act was largely superseded by the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 and by the end of the year, preliminary inspections had been made at most of the premises affected. It is not thought that the Act will create any major problems in the district but many premises fall short of the requirements on minor matters such as the provision of thermometers and adequate first aid equipment.

Factories Act.

Number of factories on the register	29
" " inspections made	31
Contraventions found	1
" remedied	1

Caravan Sites.

The three main sites at Eye were maintained in a reasonable condition. It was felt that the standards could be improved and the Council are to consider the matter early in 1965.

There are now ten licensed sites in the district. Five are for single caravans, two for two caravans each, one for 6 caravans, one for 15 and one for 100 vans.

Licensed Premises.

The following work has been carried out during the year.

Castor.

Royal Oak.	Cellar - Snug room redecorated.
Prince of Wales.	Dampness in smoke room remedied.
Fitzwilliam Arms.	Holes in servery floor made good.
	New Stall and tiling fixed in urinal.
	Draining boards in kitchen renewed.
	Gents conveniences redecorated.

Deeping Gate.

Black Bull	Conveniences redecorated.

Eye.

Greyhound	Gent's conveniences redecorated.

Glinton.

Six Bells	Cellar walls redecorated.
Bulc Bell	Major improvements completed.

Helpston.

Exeter Arms.	Licensed rooms redecorated.

Marholm.

Fitzwilliam Arms.	Major improvements completed.

Newborough.

The Decoy	New Store provided.
The Plough	Gent's conveniences tidied up.
Black Bull.	Automatic flush provided to urinal.
	Premises completely redecorated.

Northborough.

Pack Horse — Major improvements completed.

Peakirk.

Ruddy Duck — Major improvements completed.

There are now only 2 houses without modern sanitary conveniences - The Cuckoo, Deeping Gate and The Blue Bell Maxey. It is hoped now that main drainage is available these two houses will soon be dealt with.

Minor defects found on the annual inspection have been notified to the Chief Constable and brewers concerned and attention has been promised in the majority of cases.

It is pleasing to report the vast improvements that have been carried out to licensed premises in the district over the past few years.

Rodent Control.

Inspections made (estimated).

At private dwellings	384
" business premises	52
" agricultural premises	21
" Council owned property	6

Treatments carried out

At business premises.	6
" private houses	2
" dykes	1
" Council property	-
" agricultural properties	1

As in previous years most people found it cheaper to carry out their own disinfestation treatments than to call in the Council's operator who only carries out this work on request.

Unsound Food.

1-2 lb. tin of tongue was condemned, due to faulty lacquering of the tin.

Housing
Private Building

A total of 87 new dwellings were completed in the district by private enterprise, the same number as in the previous year. These were mainly concentrated at Helpston, Maxey, Newborough and Northborough.

They were distributed in the following parishes:-

Castor	4
Deeping Gate	7
Etton	1
Eye	3
Glinton	5
Helpston	19
Maxey	13
Newborough	14
Northborough	16
Peakirk	2
Sutton	3

At the end of the year there were 75 dwellings in the course of construction in the following parishes:

Ailsworth	3
Castor	1
Deeping Gate	2
Etton	2
Eye	1
Glinton	4
Helpston	12
Maxey	8
Newborough	22
Northborough	18
Peakirk	1
Sutton	1

Improvement Grants
(a) Discretionary Grants.

15 applications were received for improving 16 properties. One, which virtually involved rebuilding the old school at Marholm was referred to the Ministry who refused to contribute towards the cost. The application was refused by the Council. The total amount of grant approved for the remaining 14 was £4,871. (an average of £348 per dwelling).

7 applications were in respect of owner/occupied houses and 7 for tenanted properties.

Work was completed at 7 properties and in progress at 4 others.

The number of applications received showed an increase of 10 over the figure for 1963 and the properties concerned were in the following parishes:-

Castor	3
Eye	2
Glinton	1
Helpston	2
Maxey	1
Peakirk	2
Sutton	4

(b) Standard Grants.

A total of 36 applications were received, an increase of 12 over last year's figure.

Applications were for the following amenities:-

Hot water supplies	30
W.C.'s	31
Baths	26
Washbasins	28
Larders	8

The properties concerned were situated in the following parishes:-

Castor	5
Deeping Gate	3
Eye	8
Glinton	2
Helpston	6
Maxey	3
Newborough	4
Northborough	5

21 applications were in respect of tenanted properties and 15 were for owner/occupied houses.

Work was completed at 17 properties by the end of the year.

Council Houses.
(a) Building.

A total of 46 new dwellings were completed during the year as follows:-

Castor	8 houses and 4 bungalows.
Eye	22 flatlets.
Helpston	8 bungalows and 6 houses.

Under construction at the end of the year were 30 dwellings on the Hodney Road Site at Eye and 10 bungalows (in an advanced stage) off Thorney Road, Newborough.

Negotiations were proceeding for sites at Castor, Etton, Maxey and Northborough.

The Council now own approximately 800 dwellings and the work involved in maintenance, repairs and management continues to increase. Much of your officer's time is now being spent on this work and in the forseeable future may entail an increase in staff to cope with the duties.

Work is well advanced on the site works at the Hodney Road Eye estate.

Apart from Marholm, Peakirk and Upton where a few bungalows would serve a useful purpose, the housing needs for the district for the next few years seem to be safeguarded by land already acquired and being negotiated for.

(b) Improvements.

Improvements to the 6 pre-war houses at Marholm were complete at the end of the year and Ministry approval had been received for similar work at 24 pre-war houses at Maxey and Northborough.

There will then only remain 14 houses at Newborough to be dealt with. As there has been no progress with the sewerage scheme for this parish and now that larger grants can be obtained for septic tanks the Council might feel it opportune to bring all their pre-war houses up to date and carry out the necessary work to the houses at Newborough.

Again no paving slab paths were laid to the pre-war houses and there still remain 94 houses to be dealt with.

(c) Maintenance.

External painting was carried out to 68 pre-war houses at Eye but the balance of the year's programme (70 properties) has been carried forward to next year because the contractor was unable to complete during the good weather.

As from April 1st, tenants were made responsible for burst pipes caused by frost damage beyond the stop cocks in the houses and outbuildings.

As a result of this decision, many houses had to be provided with stop cocks internally and externally and joint water services had to be split and rerouted.

The electric coppers and cookers to the 20 Swedish timber houses at Eye were found to be nearing the end of their useful life and it was decided to give the appliances to the tenants.

A number of old combination grates in the pre-war houses were replaced with tiles surround grates. In the majority of cases, the tenant paid for the grate and the Council bore the cost of fixing.

The cost of repairs is continuing to rise and in keeping with other local authorities, it is anticipated that the repairs allowance will soon have to be increased.

Garages.

It was decided to erect 7 Batley concrete garages on the hardstanding area on the Welmore Road estate at Glinton.

It was also decided in principal to allow tenants to park their cars on concrete hardstandings in front of houses where it was not possible to erect a garage.

Tenancy Changes.

Inspections following tenancy changes were made at 29 houses as follows:-

Castor	4
Eye	10
Glinton	12
Helpston	2
Newborough	1

Redecorations had to be carried out in 5 cases and mostly took place where the tenants were elderly.

Clearance of unfit property.

No. of properties demolished	13
Closing orders made	10
Demolition orders made	11
Undertakings given not to relet	3

The Council decided to declare Nos. 1-6 Baxter's Row, Crowland Road, Eye, a clearance area, and to demolish Nos. 1-4, The Drop, Maxey Road, Helpston, which the owner has failed to deal with.

There remain 115 unfit properties to be dealt with and the list was brought up-to-date during the year.

Plans deposited under Building Byelaws.

191 plans were submitted under Building Byelaws, an increase of 7 on last years figures.

The biggest majority of plans were for new dwellings, improvements to pre-war houses and garages. The breakdown is as follows.

Garages	75
Improvements to houses	43
New Dwellings	39
Extensions to dwellings	12
Agricultural buildings	5

Alterations to public houses	3
Extensions to shops	2
New offices	2
Conservatories	2
Workshops	2
Nursery buildings	2
Industrial buildings	1
Libraries (private)	1
Conversion to flats	1
Changing rooms	1

Public Cleansing.
(a) Cesspool Emptying.

Cesspools and septic tanks continued to be emptied by Contract and the service is available to householders whose properties are more than 100' from a public sewer. Two free emptyings per year are given.

A total of 550 tanks were emptied during the year, an increase of 177 on the previous year and can be accounted for by the "free emptying twice a year" service.

Nearly half the number of tanks emptied were in Northborough where main drainage is now available and where some 70% of properties are already connected to public sewers.

As a result of providing main drainage at Marholm, Maxey and Northborough, a reduction of well over 50% in requests for emptyings should be achieved in 1965.

Free emptyings in Maxey and Northborough will cease at the end of June.

(b) Night Soil Collection.

Collections were re-introduced for 4 properties at Etton and 8 at Peakirk on a temporary basis.

Collections continued in Borough Fen, Newborough, Maxey and Northborough. It is anticipated that notice can be given (that collections will cease on a given date) in respect of the latter two parishes in the not too distant future.

(c) Refuse Collection.

Collections continued to be carried out twice every three weeks and apart from the collection of trade refuse few conplaints were received.

It is the Council's intention to introduce a weekly collection from next April, which will mean purchasing an extra vehicle. This will also mean that collections will be made on a regular day each week end should prove much more satisfactory than the present arrangements.

The council considered the paper sack system of refuse storage and decided initially to try it out at members own houses.

Drainage and Sewerage Disposal

The sewerage schemes for Marholm, Maxey and Northborough were virtually complete at the end of the year and all concerned are to be congratulated on the smooth working during the last twelve months. Despite being well behind schedule at one stage the work has eventually been completed ahead of time.

The Consultants report on the proposed scheme for Newborough, promised over 12 months ago, has still not been received. With the number of houses built, being built and planned in this parish, a sewerage scheme is now becoming an urgent necessity.

Ministry approval was received at the end of the year for the supplementary scheme at Eye and it is hoped that this will be completed in about six months time to allow of large scale development on the south side of the village.

Sewer Connections

311 properties were connected to the sewers as follows:-

Deeping Gate	5
Etton	1
Eye	4
Glinton	1
Helpston	2
Marholm	24
Maxey	63
Northborough	209
Peakirk	2

Closet Conversions.

The conversion of pail closets to W.C.'s made steady progress. Most of the few remaining properties at Castor are now being dealt with and notices were served in respect of 5 properties at Eye where the existing closets at considered prejudicial to health.

Water Supply.

A total of 35 new Service connections have been made to water mains, as follows:-

Building Plots	27
Public Houses	1
Farms	3
Nurseries	1

65 burst Services and 41 burst water mains were repaired during the year.

The total quantity of water purchased in bulk from Peterborough Corporation was 132,591,000 gallons, an increase of 18,000,000 gallons over last year's figures. The increase can be largely accounted for by new building, improvements, the coming into operation of sewerage schemes, the absence of any restriction on hosepipes during the very dry summer, and an abnormally large number of burst mains and services.

The figures represent an approximate consumption of 40 gallons per head per day for all purposes including industrial, agricultural, and allowing for waste due to bursts.

The Council's Consulting Engineers are preparing a scheme to improve supplies at Eye where further housing development is to take place.

Miscellaneous.
Street Numbering.

Properties in Deeping Gate, School Road, and Soke Road, Newborough were numbered during the year.

Animal Boarding Establishment Act 1963.

4 licences were issued, under the above Act to premises used as boarding kennels. Two gave up boarding during the year.

Etton Pond.

A start was made on filling in the pond at Etton.

Parish Dyke Eye.

A portion of this dyke from Mr. G. Little's gateway to a pond at the rear of Northolme Farm was improved as a result of complaints of foooding of agricultural land.

Staff & Labour

Once again I must record my appreciation to the staff and workmen for their continued help and support during the year.

I am,

Sir, Lady & Gentlemen,

Your Obedient servant,

M. R. GIBBS

Surveyor & Public Health Inspector.